

Deer - Muzzleloader Season

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Opening Date: December 11

Closing Date: December 16

Two deer may be taken with a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season - the first deer must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, XJ, AB-L, A-L, Classes A+CS+BG); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+VV, or Classes XXJ+CS/LE). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 7) may take a first muzzleloader deer without a license. A second deer may only be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.

Muzzleloader deer hunting for antlered deer is legal in all counties open to buck season. A deer of either sex may be taken with muzzleloaders in all counties or parts thereof open to the Class N season. One additional deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp in all counties having a muzzleloader season (see pages 10-11 and 21).

In the muzzleloader season, only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. A firearm that has been converted into a muzzleloader by use of a plug, or a double-barreled or swivel-barreled muzzleloader is illegal for deer hunting during the muzzleloader season.

When being transported in or on a vehicle, muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded when uncapped or when the priming charge is removed from the pan.

A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all seasons combined.

Concurrent hunting during the Muzzleloader Deer Season

A bow or crossbow cannot be substituted for a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season. Concurrent archery hunting is legal during the muzzleloader season subject to all archery deer hunting regulations, except archery hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.





Concurrent hunting is permitted during the muzzleloader season. Except for those persons legally hunting bear, it is illegal to be afield with solid ball ammunition or shot larger than No. 4 during the muzzleloader season, except for waterfowl hunters using nontoxic shot.

It is legal to hunt small game with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire during the muzzleloader season.

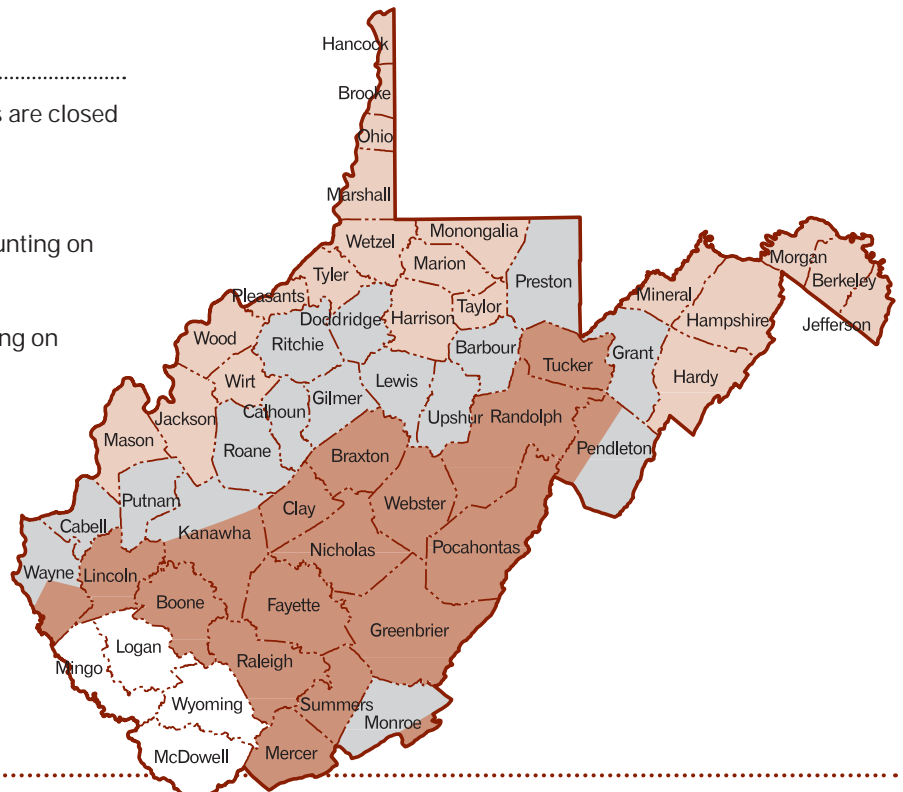
Concurrent waterfowl hunting (See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – not in this brochure) is legal.

Muzzleloader Counties

Logan, McDowell, Mingo, and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting.

-  **Open:** to antlered only muzzleloader hunting on base license and Class RM or RRM*
-  **Open:** to either-sex muzzleloader hunting on base license, and antlered deer only on Class RM or RRM*
-  **Open:** to either-sex muzzleloader hunting on base license and Class RM or RRM*
-  **Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting

**See page 12 for muzzleloader regulations on public lands in these counties.*



Muzzleloader Season - Deer

Use of Class RM and Class RRM Stamps in Muzzleloader Season

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only one Class RM stamp and a nonresident may purchase only one Class RRM stamp.

Only one deer may be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp. The Class RM and RRM stamps must be purchased before December 11, 2006, prior to the opening of muzzleloader season.

To take an additional muzzleloader deer, all residents, except resident landowners (see page 7) hunting on their own land are required to purchase a Class RM stamp. All nonresidents are required to purchase a ClassRRM stamp if they choose to take an additional muzzleloader deer.

Class RM and Class RRM stamps may be used to take one additional deer in the muzzleloader season in all counties having a muzzleloader season (see page 20). See page 12 for muzzleloader regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.

Deer hunting in the muzzleloader season on the Class RM or RRM stamp can begin on the day after legally checking the first muzzleloader deer.

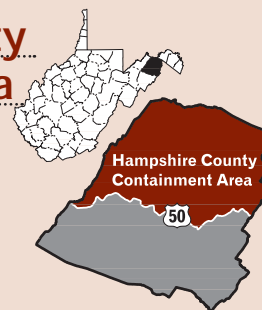
In all instances, the first muzzleloader season deer must be taken on an appropriate base license or as a landowner (see page 7) and legally checked before the Class RM or RRM stamp is legal.

Class RM or RRM stamps may be used to take one antlered deer in all counties having a muzzleloader season OR;

Class RM or RRM stamps may be used to take one either-sex deer in counties having a Class N or NN antlerless season bag limit of two or more antlerless (Class N) deer (see muzzleloader map page 20).

Hampshire County Containment Area

Includes all portions of Hampshire County north of US Route 50.



Carcass Transport Regulations

Hunters are prohibited from transporting dead cervids or their parts beyond the boundary of the containment area except for the following portions of the carcass:

1. meat that has been boned out,
2. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
3. cleaned hide with no head attached,
4. clean skull plate (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
5. antlers with no meat or tissue attached, and
6. finished taxidermy mounts.

Hunters may transport cervid carcasses that were not killed inside the containment area through the containment area.

Baiting and Feeding Regulations

It is illegal to bait or feed cervids or other wildlife in the containment area except that it is legal to feed birds within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling (see page 9).

November 5, 2006

Share Your Harvest Sunday

helps support and keep the **Hunters Helping the Hungry** (HHH) program alive and growing. Hunters are asked to encourage their churches to participate by asking each member to donate \$1.00 to help defray meat processing costs.

The HHH program enables hunters' donated deer to be processed into ground venison and distributed to charitable agencies who help feed West Virginia's less fortunate.

Donations should be mailed to:
HHH, Mountaineer Food Bank
180 Enterprise Drive
Gassaway, WV 26624

For more information contact
Billie Shearer - (304) 558-2771

If your church is unable to participate on
November 5, a more convenient time may be chosen.



Special Seasons and Restrictions

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area and Hillcrest Wildlife Management Area

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area located in Hardy County on the George Washington National Forest and Hillcrest WMA, located in Hancock County will have a antlered deer only muzzleloader season November 20 - December 2, 2006. Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines", of .38 caliber or larger are legal. These two areas will not be open to the traditional rifle buck firearms season. All muzzleloader license requirements apply. The annual antlered deer bag limit is one for Archery and Muzzleloader seasons combined (see pages 8, 12 and 20).

Older-Aged Deer Management Areas

All antlered deer taken on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Brunsville Lake and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock State Forest must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one for archery and firearms seasons combined (see pages 8, 12 and 20).